

229.24 Records of involuntary hospitalization proceeding to be confidential.

1. All papers and records pertaining to any involuntary hospitalization or application for involuntary hospitalization of any person under [this chapter](#), whether part of the permanent record of the court or of a file in the department of human services, are subject to inspection only upon an order of the court for good cause shown. Nothing in [this section](#) shall prohibit a hospital from complying with the requirements of [this chapter](#) and of [chapter 230](#) relative to financial responsibility for the cost of care and treatment provided a patient in that hospital, nor from properly billing any responsible relative or third-party payer for such care and treatment.

2. If authorized in writing by a person who has been the subject of any proceeding or report under [sections 229.6 to 229.13](#) or [section 229.22](#), or by the parent or guardian of that person, information regarding that person which is confidential under [subsection 1](#) may be released to any designated person.

3. If all or part of the costs associated with hospitalization of an individual under [this chapter](#) are chargeable to a county of legal settlement, the clerk of the district court shall provide to the county of legal settlement and to the county in which the hospitalization order is entered, in a form prescribed by the mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission, the following information pertaining to the individual which would be confidential under [subsection 1](#):

a. Administrative information, as defined in [section 228.1](#).

b. An evaluation order under [this chapter](#) and the location of the individual's placement under the order.

c. A hospitalization or placement order under [this chapter](#) and the location of the individual's placement under the order.

d. The date, location, and disposition of any hearing concerning the individual held under [this chapter](#).

e. Any payment source available for the costs of the individual's care.

[C77, 79, 81, §229.24]

83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 95 Acts, ch 120, §3; 96 Acts, ch 1183, §22; 2002 Acts, ch 1146, §4; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §8

Referred to in [§228.6](#), [230.20](#)